

# Annex F

Summit Statements in FY2019

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## Chairman's Statement of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Summit

4 November 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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24. We called for development of collaborative projects to protect and conserve the environment and biodiversity, to promote sustainable use as well as the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the utilisation of natural resources, including water resource management, and to address the impact of climate change and the issue of marine plastic debris. We welcomed the progress of "APT Marine Plastic Debris Cooperative Action Initiative," such as the establishment of Regional Knowledge Centre for Marine Plastic Debris operated by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and capacity development for monitoring of the debris and combat measures, and looked forward to supporting the expeditious implementation of the Bangkok Declaration on Combating Marine Debris in ASEAN Region, implementation of the ASEAN Framework of Action on Marine Debris and the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue. We appreciated the Osaka Blue Ocean Vision which aims to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050 and its implementation framework.

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## Chairman's Statement of the 14<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit

4 November 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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ERIA is mentioned in the three following paragraphs:

### *Review and Future Direction of the East Asia Summit*

8. We noted that the 13th EAS Energy Ministers' Meeting was held in conjunction with the 37th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting and Associated Meetings (37th AMEM) on 2-6 September in Bangkok, Thailand, and welcomed the expanded range of energy fuels and innovative technologies covered by the EAS energy cooperation including on energy efficiency, distributed energy systems, next generation biofuels, clean, low emission and renewable energy, including solar and wind technologies with energy storage solutions, carbon recycling and hydrogen technologies and natural gas cooperation. We also welcomed the convening of the 24th EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force Meeting (EAS ECTF) on 27 June 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand, which discussed the progress and follow-up activities to implement the EAS ECTF work plans (2018-2019), all of which contribute towards sustainable energy transitions in the region. We welcomed the Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)'s role on the implementation of the EAS Mid-Term Energy Policy Research Roadmap for the three (3) EAS ECTF work streams and the work in response

to particular needs of EAS participating countries. We welcomed the successful convening of the EAS Clean Energy Forum on 11 – 13 June 2019 in Shenzhen, China and the 2nd East Asia Energy Forum (EAEF2) on 2 September 2019 in Bangkok, organised by ERIA and Thailand.

#### *ASEAN Connectivity*

17. We encouraged further cooperation and engagement between the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) and non-ASEAN EAS participating countries. We are pleased to note the active participation of Dialogue Partners (DPs) and Other External Partners (OEPs) in the ACCC Consultations with DPs and OEPs on Connectivity and the 10th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium on “Connecting ASEAN through Financing Sustainable Infrastructure”, with support from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), on 26-27 August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand, respectively.

#### *Economic Cooperation and Trade*

21. We commended that the ERIA continued research and analysis on regional economic issues. We welcomed the report of the 12th ERIA Governing Board Meeting on 24 May 2019 in Jakarta, which highlighted the need to generate more policy-oriented research and analysis, and noted ERIA’s support in the development of ASEAN Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) database. We encouraged ERIA to continue providing support for the Chair of the ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit and targeted high-quality research and actionable policy recommendations on topics that highlight and address the region’s challenges to EAS Economic Ministers.

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### **Chairman’s Statement of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN–Japan Summit**

**4 November 2019, Bangkok, Thailand**

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12. ... We welcomed the progress in the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Environmental Cooperation Initiative which aims to promote cooperation in environmental protection, as well as in areas such as climate change, including through the new ASEAN-Japan Climate Change Action Agenda, including the new proposal for HFC, waste management, biodiversity conservation, chemical pollution management, wastewater management, and quality environmental infrastructure development for sustainable cities. ASEAN Leaders expressed appreciation for Japan’s continued support for an environmentally-sustainable ASEAN through the ASEAN-Japan Dialogue on Environmental Cooperation (AJDEC), and the first ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Dialogue on Environmental Cooperation (AJMDEC), and also for Japan’s commitment to strengthening its cooperation with ASEAN in combating marine plastic debris, including through the Regional Knowledge Centre for Marine Plastic Debris at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). ASEAN Leaders appreciated Japan’s support through the ASEAN-Japan Energy Efficiency Partnership, and looked forward to Japan’s support for the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDSD).

19. We expressed support for and welcomed the contributions of the ASEAN-Japan Centre, the Japan Foundation Asia Center and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in supporting ASEAN community-building in reinforcing the ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership, and in enhancing the ties between the peoples of ASEAN and Japan, and ASEAN Leaders appreciated Japan's contribution to these institutions. We appreciated the active efforts of the Japan Foundation Asia Center since 2014 to promote cultural sports and people-to-people exchanges between Japan and ASEAN Member States and looked forward to the extension of this program in the coming years.

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### **Joint Statement of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN–Japan Summit on Connectivity**

4 November 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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17. Support the work of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in promoting closer economic partnership between ASEAN and Japan, and encourage ERIA's support in enhancing connectivity through research activities, in order to create greater synergies between MPAC 2025 and other connectivity initiatives in the region.

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### **Chairman's Statement of the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN–India Summit**

3 November 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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12. We reiterated our intention to work towards the completion of the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway Project and its extension to Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam. We also took note of the Mid Term Report of the study by ERIA that India had commissioned following our deliberations at the last Breakfast Summit in Singapore. We looked forward to the expeditious conclusion of the ASEAN-India Air Transport Agreement (AI-ATA) and the ASEAN-India Maritime Transport Agreement (AI-MTA), in accordance with the decision of the ASEAN Transport Ministers on this matter.

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## **The 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting**

10 September 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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8. The Ministers commended ERIA's continued research and analysis on regional economic issues. The Ministers also welcomed the report of the 12th ERIA Governing Board Meeting held on 24 May 2019 in Jakarta, Indonesia, which highlights the need to generate more policy-oriented research and analysis. The Ministers noted ERIA's support in the development of ASEAN Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) database.

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## **The 51<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) Meeting**

6 September 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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### *Good Regulatory Practices (GRP)*

36. The Ministers noted the progress of the Baseline Study on Regulatory Management Systems (RMS) in ASEAN, prepared with assistance from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). The Baseline Study is a deliverable under the ASEAN Work Plan on GRP 2016-2025 and aims to map RMS developments in the region, including ASEAN and AMS' initiatives to stocktake and streamline regulations and administrative processes/practices, and to assess if they conform with the ASEAN GRP Core Principles.

### *Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)*

56. The Ministers thanked the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for the work undertaken in co-operation with the UNCTAD in developing the NTMs database, a good resource in assisting ASEAN Member States in populating and developing the NTMs section of their National Trade Repositories (NTRs), as well as in the on-going in-country training on NTMs collection, classification and analysis. The Ministers also expressed their appreciation for ERIA's continued support for ASEAN economic integration thru its on-going and future research activities such as the study on ASEAN Seamless Trade Facilitation Indicators (ASTFI) and Trade Transaction Cost (TTC), that would help determine the reduction by 10% in trade transactions cost in the region by 2020; the ASEAN Regulatory Management System (RMS) to provide a baseline on the implementation of core principles of Good Regulatory Practices in ASEAN; as well as the impact study of ASEAN Economic Integration, which will be a valuable input to the mid-term review of the AEC. Further, the Ministers are cognizant of the contribution of ERIA in supporting the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations and the development of the Guideline on Skilled Labour/ Professional Services Development in Response to the 4IR. The Ministers requested ERIA to continue its policy-oriented research activities based on continuous interaction between ERIA and the Senior Economic Officials.

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## Joint Ministerial Statement of the 13<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting

5 September 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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ERIA is mentioned in the following three paragraphs:

6. For the Biofuels for Transport and Other Purposes (BTOP) Work Stream, the Ministers appreciated the joint research led by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and EAS participating countries to evaluate the introduction of next generation biofuels in EAS countries. The project has facilitated various technical visits in 2019 to a sugar/ethanol factory, a biogas pilot facility, and algae cultivation sites in Yogyakarta, Indonesia as well as a hydrogenated fatty acid methyl ester (H-FAME) facility in Bangkok, Thailand.

10. Initiative on hydrogen and on mobility decarbonisation. The Ministers appreciated Japan's continuing advocacy to promote regional cooperation and knowledge sharing on all aspects of the development of hydrogen and mobility decarbonisation technologies as an important component of a broad-based, secure and efficient energy portfolio. The Ministers noted the forthcoming Workshop on Hydrogen Potential Study to be convened by ERIA tentatively in May 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand.

14. Energy policy research activities in EAS countries. The Ministers welcomed the implementation of the EAS Mid-Term Energy Policy Research Roadmap, including the research support by ERIA to the three (3) EAS ECTF work streams and the work conducted in response to particular needs of EAS countries for economic analysis. The work supporting ECTF workstreams include energy outlook and savings potential, evaluation of carbon emissions reduction through mobility electrification, introduction of alternative biofuels, hydrogen and LNG demand potential and investment in LNG logistics infrastructure. The Ministers also appreciated the ASEAN Centre for Energy's briefing on its policy research activities in ASEAN and relevant policy research cooperation with other EAS countries.

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## Chairman's Statement of the 9<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting

2 August 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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### *Economic Cooperation and Trade*

20. The Ministers commended ERIA's contributions to deepening research on economic integration, narrowing the development gap, achieving sustainable development, and strengthening regional health care and welfare system in ASEAN and East Asia, and encouraged ERIA to continue providing targeted high-quality research on topics that highlight and address the challenges facing the region.

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## Chairman's Statement of the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit

23 June 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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### *ASEAN Economic Community*

25. We underlined the need for a more holistic approach to prepare ASEAN for the challenges brought about by the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). We noted the ongoing work on the development of the ASEAN Digital Integration Framework Action Plan (DIFAP) 2015-2025, ASEAN Innovation Roadmap 2019-2025, ASEAN Declaration on Industrial Transformation to Industry 4.0, Guideline on Skilled Labour/ Professional Services Development in Response to the 4IR, and initiatives related to the digitalisation of ASEAN micro enterprises. We commended the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN BAC) for its 2019 legacy project entitled "ASEAN Human Empowerment and Development (AHEAD)", which focuses on human capital development to embrace the 4IR. We encouraged strengthening partnerships between all relevant sectoral bodies, stakeholders, as well as the private sectors to better prepare for and fully harness the 4IR as highlighted by the ASEAN Digital Ministers' Retreat in March 2019 in Phuket. [We commended the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia \(ERIA\) for publishing the "ASEAN Vision 2040: Towards a Bolder and Stronger ASEAN Community" report which provides recommendations on how to most effectively prepare ASEAN for the future, particularly the 4IR.](#)